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Dear Sir:

In response to a non-final Office Action dated September 30, 2005, please consider the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 and the Remarks begin on page 5.